

I hereby certify that this correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

1-16-01 EK 140 407 66503

(Date of Deposit)

Karen Cinq-Mars
Karen Cinq-Mars (Signature)

1/16/01
(Date)

1c531 U.S. PTO
09/760979



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : January 16, 2001
James S. Chester :
Serial No. : Examiner:
Filed: : IBM Corporation
Dept. 18G/Bldg. 300-482
2070 Route 52
Hopewell Junction,
New York 12533-6531
Title: Business-to-business service
provider system for intranet and
internet applications :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

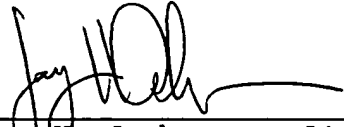
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to
the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the
listed documents are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be
considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form
PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been
considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone

at (845) 894-3667. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Jay W. Anderson, Attorney
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No.38,371

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
Intellectual Property Law Department
B/300-482
2070 Route 52
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533
Facsimile: (845) 892-6363

JHA/kcm